

District Report

Gorkha

10-16 November 2017

Activity Summary

Activity	Contact Person	Reference Document
R43 HRRP 4W collected and submitted to national level	Yubaraj.bhandari@crs.org minar@hrrpnepal.org	
HRRP Gorkha team attended HRRP National general coordination meeting in Kathmandu on 10 th November 2017.	Minar@hrrpnepal.org	
NRA attended open interaction session organized by Transparency international Nepal funded by EU (European union) In Barpak VDC on 11 th November 2017. An open interaction program was organized with objective to clear out all confusion and miss communication between beneficiaries and government regarding reconstruction process policies and guidelines through open interaction session in presence of NRA.	minar@hrrpnepal.org nragorkha@gamil.com	
HRRP and NRA jointly participated in inauguration ceremony of NRA's 7 days skilled mason training in Ajirkot Rural Municipality (Kharibot VDC) on 10 th November 2017. 27 skilled masons were trained based on 7 days DUDBC curriculum and NRA provided this training fill up gaps in coordination with HRRP and Ajirkot Rural Municipality.	Minar@hrrpnepal.org ; nragorkha@gmail.com	
HRRP and NRA attended closing ceremony of NRA's 2 nd 7 days skilled mason training held on 7 th -13 th November,2017 in Gandaki Rural municipality ward 7&8 (Gyalchowk VDC) on 13 th November 2017. 29 skilled masons were trained to reduced high demands and need of skilled masons for reconstruction in that ward. This training was basically focused in training masons with earthquake resistant knowledge and components through both theory and practical knowledge and exercise.	Minar@hrrpnepal.org ; nragorkha@gmail.com	
HRRP and NRA jointly met with Mott Mac Donald 's (An international engineering consultancy firm) representative to discuss about DFID funded post-earthquake reconstruction program to be implemented in Gorkha district in 4 components on 13 th November 2017. Key areas discussed were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local level reconstruction planning 2. Reconstruction of infrastructure 3. Private sector development 4. Building codes 	Minar@hrrpnepal.org nragorkha@gmail.com dol.bhusal@gmail.com (Mott Mac Donald's representative)	
HRRP Gorkha conducted 3 days' social mobilization training on 14 th -16 th November 2017 and was attended by 38 participants from 10 different organizations in Gorkha	minar@hrrpnepal.org	Report will be



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district with objective to train social mobilizer with surface technical knowledge along with reconstruction process, policies and guidelines. This training allowed participants to discuss about role of social mobilizers in current reconstruction process and brainstorm tools and ways to influence and convince people to build back better.		published soon.
HRRP met with DFID and discussed about current challenges, issues and progress in reconstruction with introduction of new DFID's district coordination and monitoring officer on 14 th November 2017. Progress and barriers of reconstruction process was discussed along issues and challenges which are mentioned below in this report at challenges section.	minar@hrrpnepal.org DFID's district coordination and monitoring officer contact details: sampadj@dfidfieldoffice.co.uk	
HRRP met with EHRP team on 15 th November 2017 to discuss about smooth tranche release and inspection process and committed to jointly organized coordination meeting in Ajirkot and Sulikot Rural Municipalities after election. Details of challenges and way forward discussed are mentioned in Challenges and way forward section of this report.	minar@hrrpnepal.org kcbabu1@gmail.com	
HRRP also visited five hollow block producers located with different wards of Gorkha Municipality and collected block samples from producers for testing and collected information on block production process and houses constructed by hollow blocks to support ongoing research by HRRP on 15 th November 2017.	minar@hrrpnepal.org	
HRRP visited DCC (District Coordination Committee) office to observe and to meet with MoFALD-CLPIU and EHRP staff to discuss about recent progress and challenges in releasing tranche on 16 th November 2017 as mentioned in Challenges section below.	minar@hrrpnepal.org EHRP representative kcbabu1@gmail.com	

News & Updates

- HRRP Gorkha conducted 3 days Social mobilizer training for partners in Gorkha from 14-16 November 2017 and 39 participants from 10 partner organizations attended this training.
- CDO requested partner organizations to follow election code of conduct and directed to hold new distribution and mass gathering activities and to decrease visibility and field movements. DLSA also requested partners not to click like or write comments, share pictures, photo tags etc. in social media (Facebook or others) related to politics and political parties because of the sensitivity of election code of conduct as well as follow our own organization's core values and mandates.
[\(Click Here to access meeting minutes\)](#)
- Caritas Nepal requested HRRP Gorkha to plan for joint exposure field visit to Rural Municipality where focal point for reconstruction coordination is established to learn and observe possibility of focal point support from CRS/CN in Gorkha municipality. HRRP committed to organized joint exposure field visit for interested partners and Government before mid of December 2017.

Field Visit Reports

Date	Location	Participants	
16 November 2017	Ajirkot Rural municipality (Kharibot VDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central and district NRA, DLPIU, HRRP, Rural municipality chairman, vice chairman, ward chairmen, ward secretary and beneficiaries. 	
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing ceremony of NRA's 7 days skilled mason training in Ajirkot Rural Municipality. Open discussion and interaction program during closing ceremony. 		
Summary	<p>Ajirkot Rural Municipality ward-2 organized closing ceremony of 7 days skilled mason training conducted by National Reconstruction Authority, Gorkha, attended by Chief guest Dr Hari Ram Parajuli, Executive Member, NRA. and special guest Mr. Fanindra Dhital, Chairman, Ajirkot Rural Municipality.</p> <p>National reconstruction authority(NRA), Gorkha conducted this training to reduced gaps in following ward and to meet need of skilled masons in coordination with HRRP and Rural Municipality.</p> <p>Closing ceremony was followed by an open interaction program between NRA, rural municipality and beneficiaries where Dr. Hari ram Parajuli answered community's queries related to reconstruction. Some of the key issues raised are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidize loan of 3 lakh rupees. Retrofitting beneficiaries want to reconstruct new houses as they have demolished their old houses. Some of the new grievances have been identified and recommended for re-survey by grievance management committee but NRA already pulled off surveyors from the field. <p>Details of these issues are elaborated in questions collected section below.</p>		
Challenges / Issues Identified	Action Required	Responsible	Timeframe
1. People were confused about retrofitting construction, guidelines and tranche release process.	HRRP/NRA will provide regular information, orientation and copy of guidelines.	NRA, HRRP, DLPIU, rural municipality	After Election
Photos			
 <p>Ajirkot rural municipality ward-2, closing ceremony of NRA's 7 days skilled mason training attended by NRA executive member Dr. Hariram Parajuli and Gaunpalika chief Mr. Fanindra Dhital followed by open interaction session.</p>		 <p>open interaction session organized by Transparency international Nepal funded by EU (European union) In Barpak VDC on 11th November 2017.</p>	

Housing Typology Report



Typology: Hollow block house, flexible roof
Gorkha municipality ward-9, Chepetar, this 2-room hollow block house was constructed by elderly couple who migrated from middle northern Gorkha to municipality and they constructed this house in 2 lakh Rs and they paid Rs. 52 for one block.

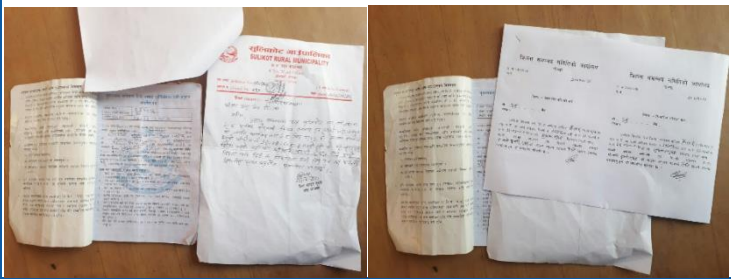


Typology: Mixed structure, Flexible roof
Aruarbang, Arughat rural municipality, Yadu prasad Shrestha- House owner. This house is constructed in mixed technology with steel vertical post and truss and some corrections need to be done as bandings are not in same level and engineers are confused how to provide correction measures or to send it to district support engineers for analysis and suggestions.

Questions Collected

Question	Who Asked the Question?	Response Provided (By Whom)
Can eligible beneficiary of retrofitting demolish their house and reconstruct new house as per government minimum requirements and get 3 lakh Rs?	Beneficiaries and engineers	If house is in critical condition and stone house and if engineer also suggested demolition and reconstruction, then based on their assessment and recommendation grievance management committee can recommend based on supporting documents and can change agreement from retrofitting to reconstruction i.e. for 3 lakh Rs.(NRA)
What about 3 lakhs subsidize loan?	Ward chairman	Guideline released that beneficiaries can take subsidize loan against their reconstructing households but still need to wait for implementation directives from central NRA, it's on process. (NRA)
Re-survey is not completed as more grievances were identified by grievance management committee and NRA pulled off all surveyors, when will this survey continue?	Ward chairman.	Survey will be continued through newly elected engineers by NRA to be deployed in field and they will conduct remaining re-survey and re-verification after their deployment.

Challenges and Way Forward

Challenge	Way Forward
<p>Some partners supported 2 lakh Rs as subsidy to beneficiaries and later they did agreement with government that additional 1 lakh will be provided by government but tranche release software doesn't allow government to release third tranche without 1st and 2nd tranche entries. For example: LWR provided 2 lakhs to 100 HHs in Jaubari and now 82 HHs have completed their houses but DCC/KOLANIKA cannot release 3rd tranche as their 1st and 2nd tranche was not released by government and was entered in software.</p>	<p>Coordination between LWR, NRA and MoFALD needs to be done at central level so either government will enter 1st and 2nd tranche release data or update software accordingly so that those houses will receive 3rd tranche soon.</p>
<p>Some RC frame structure is non-compliance at DPC level and waiting for response. For example: RC frame house constructed up to plinth level with only 6 rebar</p>	<p>Confusion among engineers: will be advocated with CLPIU, NRA and HRRP at central Level. (NRA/HRRP/DLPIU)</p>
<p>Information of pass or recommended or tranche released household needs to be disseminate to rural/municipality level in regular manner so that beneficiaries doesn't need to come to district and find out their tranche status.</p>	<p>One person should be responsible for database management in DUDBC and DCC to track every files and to share progress record to NRA, HRRP and to rural municipalities and municipalities.</p>
<p>Beneficiaries need to come to district to get recommendation to transfer agreement from husband to wife or to closest relatives in case of death or if previous beneficiaries is outside the country even though they got recommendation from Rural Municipality to get tranche.</p>	<p>If bank will accept recommendation from Rural Municipality then those beneficiaries don't need to come to district headquarter to get recommendation/verification of relation to receive government tranche.</p>
 <p>About 100+ beneficiaries visit DCC office everyday to find out status of their file as tranche release is long process with different level and beneficiaries come to district and goes to bank, dcc, nra and dudbc-dlpiu to find out satutus of their ispection forms and tranche.</p>	<p>Database management system of inspection process and tracking of inspected files from MoUD-DLPIU and DCC must be done with regular dissemination of recommended and tranche release name list to rural municipality so that beneficiaries can get same information from rural municipality level.</p>

Challenges and Way Forward

Challenge

Inspected/Recommended files are not managed safely in District coordination office(DCC), Gorkha as these files should be confidentially protected but due to lack of manpower and utilities they are carelessly hold in districts without any type of digital documentation. “If we need to search some person’s file then we need to dig from these files”



Way Forward

Resources and manpower should be provided to district coordination committee i.e. MoFALD-DLPIU to manage and digitize all these files and maintain master database so that they can provide quick and relevant information to beneficiaries and even can share regular updates with NRA, HRRP and all rural/municipalities.